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Press Item for the DCI

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EDITORS

ADD TUESDAY CALENDAR:

PRESIDENT NIXON'S APPOINTMENTS

8:00--REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

11:45--SWEARING IN OF LT. GEN. VERNON A. WALTERS AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR
OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.
R2403PED MAY 1 (ABOVE NO. 130)

Comment:

General Walters' Swearing-In Ceremony

Date: 2 May 72

Time: 1145

Place: White House Oval Office

on 27 Apr/1430
Notes: Call from Muriel Hartley/in Gen Haig's office saying only General's immediate family invited to attend. I gave her names of his relatives: Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. Walters (brother); James A. Walters (nephew); Mr. & Mrs. Vincent C. Walters (brother); Mrs. Wallace Jones (sister); Mr. Peter Adams (nephew). Muriel requested bio on Gen Walters (sent 5 cys on 28 Apr). She asked who would hold bible. Called her back to let her know it would be held by Mrs. Jones.

Mr. Fisher in Personnel has signed commission (signed by President w/seal) which will be presented at Swearing-In, and a blank appointment affidavit which is to be signed by General Walters and the judge administering the oath.

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On 28 Apr Mr. Rob Roy Ratliff/spoke to Gen Walters. He is preparing suggested comments for the President. Gave him cy of bio. His secretary Evalyn Depew called later to tell us that Steve Bull's office (145-2168) is setting up ceremony. He works for Chapin. She mentioned that guests would enter West Lobby and be escorted to Cabinet Room where there would be a 2-5 minute waiting period before being ushered into Oval Office.

28 Apr Muriel called re bio and mentioned that Mr. Helms would also be included.

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1 May, Beverly Kay in Mr. Bull's office/called to say that Gen Walters' stars would be pinned on by President & they assumed he would bring his own. Gave her names of his family & added Richard Walters.

Beverly called again morning of 1 May to invite General Walters' secretary to ceremony. Told her he would be in uniform. Told her we had signed commission and appointment affidavit here but she told me we did not need to bring these along as they have copies over there and will take care of it.

2 May 72: Swearing-In Ceremony held in Oval Office of the President at 1145. U.S. Courts of Appeals District of Columbia Circuit Judge Edward Allen TAMM. Appointment affidavits were signed by Judge Tamm and General Walters beforehand. Mr. Bull of the President's Appointments Staff and Col Brennan, Marine Corps Aide to President, explained ceremony. Bible used for oath was autographed by and presented to General Walters after the ceremony by the President. Mrs. Jones, General's sister, held the bible during the ceremony. The President first pinned on General Walters' third star and then the oath of office was administered. Attendance was limited to General Walters' immediate family; Mr. Helms; [] STAT [] his secretary; Rosemary Woods, the President's secretary; General Haig and his secretary Muriel Hartley; Dr. Tkach; and the two assistants who accompanied Judge Tamm. Photos of the two ceremonies were taken as well as group photos (Gen Walters & his relatives with the President; Gen Walters, the President & Mr. Helms). The President commented on their long association going back to Caracas and pointed out that it was exactly 31 years ago on this date that General Walters had entered the Army. Presidential Seal cuff links for the men and brooches for the ladies were presented to the guests. A Commission, signed & sealed by the President, was presented to General Walters. One copy of signed affidavits was sent to Dept of State, one copy to General Walters (in Agency Personnel Office 201 file).

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

LT. GENERAL VERNON A. WALTERS

Invitees:

CIA

Director & Mrs. Helms

Mr. and Mrs. Colby

Mr. and Mrs. Karamessines

Mr. and Mrs. Duckett

Mr. and Mrs. Proctor

Mr. and Mrs. Coffey

Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy

Mr. and Mrs. Maury



Defense

General and Mrs. Westmoreland

General and Mrs. Bruce Palmer, Jr.

Lt General & Mrs. D. V. Bennett

Family

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Walters

Mr. James A. Walters

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent C. Walters

Mrs. Wallace Jones

Mr. Peter Adams

MR. RICHARD WALTERS

White House

Maj. Gen & Mrs. Alexander Haig

Miss Rosemary Woods

Miss Muriel Hartley